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Filed: October 5, 2000 ) Group Art Unit: 3624  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ) Examiner: Sandra S. Snapp  
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In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2003, the period for response to which extending through July 17, 2003, Applicant respectfully petitions for a Three-Month Extension of Time, extending the response period to October 17, 2003, and respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and allowance of all pending claims.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.



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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2003.
2. Additional papers enclosed.

Drawings:  Formal  Informal (Corrections)  
 Information Disclosure Statement  
 Form PTO-1449, one reference included  
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3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	<b>\$475.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

An extension for \_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	19	Minus	20	0	x \$18 each=	+\$ 0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	3	Minus	3	0	x \$89 each=	+\$ 0.00
[ ] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$290.00	+\$
						<b>SUB-TOTAL = \$ 0.00</b>
						<b>Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity- \$</b>
						<b>TOTAL FEE = \$ 0.00</b>

6. Fee Payment

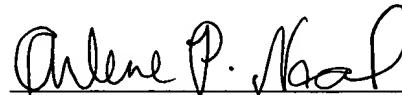
[ ] No fee is to be paid at this time.

[X] Please charge \$ 475.00 for the Extension of Time fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees including fees due under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 17, 2003

By:

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